



MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
448 East 1st Street, Room 190
City of Salida, Colorado
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 6:00 p.m.

I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Jim Dickson

III. ROLL CALL

Mayor Dickson spoke of unity on the Council and community.

IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – 3 minute time limit. *Citizen participation is for items not on the agenda and for agenda items that are not scheduled public hearings.*

John Nahomenuk from the Bureau of Land Management spoke in regard to the Madison House music festival. He stated that, at this time, the BLM has no position either in favor or against the music festival. Nahomenuk continued to state that there are concerns about camping on the lands surrounding the Vandaveer property. In closing he stated that he would like to continue working with the City Council regardless of what direction the Council Takes.

Emma Parks of Salida Schools Transportation requested that City crews clean the snow up better around the schools. She stated that she will be visiting the school board as well in the same regard. Parks also referenced a “Do Not Enter” sign that was not replaced after the construction of the new school.

Billie Carlisle of Salida complimented the City Council on recent conversations about public safety in regard to crosswalks and related things. He stated it is the basic infrastructure that the Council needs to be concerned with. Carlisle was concerned with the safety of the intersection near the Catholic Church and the Boys & Girls Club.

Jimmy Descant of Salida wanted to reaffirm that the \$3,000 is sitting in the bank available and ready for the public art project. MacDonald affirmed that it was still in the bank. A discussion about the holiday decorations followed.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida recommended that a policy be set so that future holiday decoration purchases have local preference over outside sources. She asked if there was an update on the \$11,300 that was in the budget for recreational transportation. Griesenbeck felt that an audit committee would be a good idea and stated that Resolution 2014-04 called for an exhaustive review of the NRCDC and to publish the findings. She stated that the people should know how the taxpayer’s money is being spent.

Jeff Auxier of Salida asked if there would be comment on the NRCDC Bylaw changes. Baker stated the item will be removed from the Agenda. Auxier also asked if the \$10k for the holiday hearts was in the 2014 budget, MacDonald stated that it was in the capital list for \$20k.

Cathy Chochon of Salida thanked the City Council for the monthly utility billing. She stated that she witnessed tarps in the pool building because the roof was leaking. She felt that the intersection by the Boys &

Girls Club was dangerous and it may be better as a four-way stop.

V. PRESENTATION

1. Introduction of new police officer – Kevin Everson (Chief Clark)

Chief Clark introduced Mr. Everson and stated that he started work with the City in October. He continued to state that Everson was with Chaffee County prior to becoming an officer with the City of Salida.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Rogers motioned for the Council to hold a Town Hall meeting on January 26th at 6pm and to have further discussion at the January 20th meeting. Baker seconded the motion.

Rogers stated that if the Council would agree to this, it could be a less formal setting. There could be a facilitator, and parameters set for participation. She continued to state that the Council can listen and take notes while citizens state their comments with perhaps a time limit. Rogers added that it may be a good idea to have staff members present to answer questions.

Bowers felt that the previous town hall meetings were well received and encouraged the public to come forward. Bowers recommend that Brown be involved and to use a format that he and Eileen can agree on. Yerkey was in agreement and was in favor of the meeting.

Brown felt that it would be a recreation of the Council Meeting environment and would like to see a more clearly stated objective.

Baker suggested that Rogers and Brown meet to discuss it further.

With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Hallett stated she would like to revisit the issues around the conflicts in the City's legal advice.

Hanlon stated that an attorney review would be appropriate for an executive session discussion as well as a legal case update. He continued to state that the discussion of possibly hiring another attorney is something that may want to be discussed when an issue comes up.

Yerkey wanted to conduct the attorney review on Feb 3rd in Executive Session.

Bowers stated that he received a \$75.00 gift certificate to Laughing Lady's Restaurant, but did not know who sent them. He stated that he and two other Council Members have tried to identify the sender, but have been unable to. He notified the City Clerk and the Deputy City Clerk that the cards are in their possession.

Jim Miller stated that the cards can be donated by a straw pull to a nonprofit organization.

VIII. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda (Christian Samora)

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2014

Baker motioned to remove the Natural Resource Center Bylaw Change from the agenda and to combine and approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Yerkey seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Resolution Adopting Official Posting Place (Christian Samora)

Resolution 2015-01 designating the place for the posting of public notices for City Council Meetings and

other City business

Samora gave a brief introduction to the Resolution.

Brown felt that the official posting place should be both in the City Hall lobby and at the C Street entrance at the Touber Building.

Jeff Auxier of Salida was in agreement with the suggestion and thanked the administrator and staff for their efforts in making the meeting materials available.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida was also in agreement with Brown's suggestion and suggested better lighting over the bulletin board at night.

Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-01, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado designating the place for the posting of public notices for City Council Meetings and other City business as amended to include the C Street Entrance at the Touber Building as an official posting place. Yerkey seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. 2014 Budget Amendment and public hearing (Jan Schmidt)

Resolution 2015-02 appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2014 budget year.

Schmidt stated that the document was exactly the same as what was approved previously, but it was not noticed properly before. Schmidt gave detail on the items within the amendment.

Jeff Auxier of Salida stated that all the items within the amendment needed explanation by the finance director, he felt that a citizen in 2017 that comes to the city may want to know where this money goes and what it's used for. He felt it would be better if the explanations are included with each item.

Billie Carlisle of Salida felt there was a lack of information in the budgets. He felt the other council members are being deprived of being provided more specific information.

Brown stated that there have been a lot of conversations about having better communications and there are always opportunities to do better. He felt the amendment was a very poor example of communication.

Brown stated that he still objected about the fund that the sewer dump station was placed in.

Yerkey was in favor of the dump station being in the water & sewer enterprise fund.

Discussion continued.

Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-02, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2014 budget year. Rogers seconded the motion. In a 4-3 roll call vote, the motion passed. Brown, Bowers and Hallett had the dissenting votes.

Schmidt stated that on the website every single check is published as well as in the newspaper. She continued to state that line item details available on the website. Schmidt clarified that the Fire Department expenditures were fully funded by a grant.

4. Planning Commission Appointments (Dan Osborn)

Resolution 2015-03 approving citizen appointments to the Planning Commission

Osborn introduced the agenda item and gave a brief background.

Bowers asked if Sydney Schalit would be the regular member. Osborn stated that they had applied in such a manner. Bowers stated that he wanted to clarify Sydney Schalit had no prior experience.

Yerkey motioned to approve Resolution 2015-03, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida approving citizen appointments to the Planning Commission. Baker seconded the motion. In a 4-2 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Bowers and Hallett had the dissenting votes.

5. Music Festival Use Agreement (Dara MacDonald)

Resolution 2015-04 approving a facilities use agreement with Madison House Presents for a music festival to be held on the Vandaveer Ranch

MacDonald gave a brief introduction and background on the project.

Baker stated the NRCDC would like to see the \$40k be reclassified to be given to the city, not the NRCDC. Bowers asked what the sources of liquor would be at the festival. Sullivan stated that they would be contracting with a third party who already has a liquor license. Bowers asked if there would be a source of marijuana at the festival. Hanlon stated that there would not be a vendor selling marijuana at the festival. Bowers asked how many officers there would be assigned to the festival. Clark stated that there would be additional officers as well as private security for the festival.

Mayor Dickson opened public hearing.

Steve Caserta of Salida said that his only disappointment is that the event will not be annual. He felt that MacDonald was doing an excellent job with public information. Salida spends a lot of money to bring people here, this is an event that will bring 30k people here to see how wonderful of a place it is. He stated that the concert will be 105db of music, not 105db of bulldozers and the whole project is in tune with what Salida is all about. He continued to state that the toughest thing politically are the neighbors adjacent to the site and it may be inconvenient for a week or two, but when it's over, everyone will go back to their peaceful existence. He loved that the police did not have any hesitations about the project and thanked the Council.

John White stated that he leased part of the land for cattle and the major problem will be the soil, because it is fine and chalky soil. He felt that whether it's dry or wet, the location will be a disaster for the festival.

Vern Davis of Salida asked where the temporary road will be. MacDonald explained that the temporary road would be limited access for staff, emergency staff and residents along CR 104.

Kanya Jolly of Salida did not feel that Salida was an appropriate venue for the event and shared comments from other cities that had hosted the event.

Cathy Chochon of Salida very concerned about traffic on Oak and Hwy 50 and agreed with John White.

Brien Reynolds of Salida stated that his only concern was that local musicians be involved somehow.

Joan Filer-Burgett was concerned that the loud noise would be harmful to her peacocks and was very concerned about the possibility of a wildfire starting.

Rob Jolly of Salida read comments from a petition that was started in regard to the music festival. He continued to state that there would be an abundance of traffic and felt an event like this should go before the voters.

Ron Mazzeo of Salida felt there is a lot more negative than there is positive in regard to the festival. He felt that too many questions were unanswered and did not think the town can handle that many people.

Jeff Auxier of Salida asked what the NRCDC getting out of the event. Baker stated that the NRCDC is not getting anything out of the event. Auxier was concerned about the NRCDC members should not be voting on the issue. He continued to state that he was concerned about fires and didn't think there would be enough water.

Susan Ellis of Salida-Public Health Director said that she was speaking as a citizen. She did not feel that there would be enough room for the RVs and did not feel that Salida was a good choice for the event.

Rob Jolly of Salida asked if the \$64,000 includes the overtime for exempt employees. MacDonald stated that exempt employees do not get overtime.

Mayor Dickson closed the public hearing.

Rogers asked Don Sullivan to explain the event schedule. Sullivan stated that the event would start Thursday at noon and people will arrive throughout the evening. He stated that he would like to have local entertainers downtown Thursday night for performances.

Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-04, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado approving a facilities use agreement with Madison House Presents for a music festival to be held on the Vandaveer Ranch with ongoing conversation about bridge and a security deposit based upon the re-vegetation of the Vandaveer site. Rogers seconded the motion. In a 4-3 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Brown, Bowers and Hallett were the dissenting votes.

6. **South Arkansas Fire Protection District** (Dara MacDonald)
Resolution 2015-05 approving an intergovernmental agreement for fire protection services for the South Arkansas Fire Protection District

MacDonald gave an overview and background on the agenda item.

Yerkey motioned to approve Resolution 2015-05, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado approving an intergovernmental agreement for fire protection services for the South Arkansas Fire Protection District. Baker seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. **Cost Sharing for Dispatch** (Dara MacDonald)
Resolution 2015-06 approving the intergovernmental agreement for consolidation of cost sharing of dispatch communications for Chaffee County Communications Center.

MacDonald gave an overview and background on the agenda item.

Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-06, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado approving the intergovernmental agreement for consolidation of cost sharing of dispatch communications for Chaffee County Communications Center. Yerkey seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. **Over the River Lease Option Extension** (Dara MacDonald)
Resolution 2014-08 approving the extension of option term to the option and lease agreement between the City of Salida and the Over the River Corporation

MacDonald gave an overview and background on the agenda item.

Rogers motioned to approve Resolution 2015-08, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado approving the extension of option term to the option and lease agreement between the City of Salida and the Over the River Corporation. Baker seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

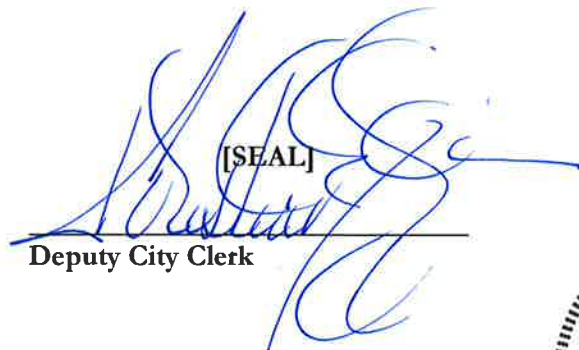
9. **Administrator/City Attorney/Deputy City Clerk**
 - a. City Administrator Report – Dara MacDonald
MacDonald stated that unless there is objection, 8th Street by the elementary school will remain one way.
Schmidt provided information about the transportation budget in the Recreation Department. MacDonald reminded the Council of the Chamber Banquet on January 23rd and the Quarterly Intergovernmental Meeting on the 28th.
 - b. City Attorney Report – Karp, Neu, Hanlon, PC
 - c. Deputy City Clerk Report – Christian Samora

10. **Elected Official Reports**
 - City Treasurer – Cheryl Brown-Kovacic

- City Clerk – Betty Schwitzer
Schwitzer reported that she and the Deputy City Clerk had spoken with the County Clerk about possibly running the upcoming election. She continued to state that having the county run the election would be \$1,500 to \$2,000 more than the City doing so. The Council had no objection to moving forward with drafting an IGA to coordinate with the County.
- Mayor – Jim Dickson
- City Council- Keith Baker, Michael Bowers, Melodee Hallett, Eileen Rogers, Hal Brown and Tom Yerkey.

IX. ADJOURN –

Baker motioned to adjourn at 11:23 P.M. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.


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Deputy City Clerk


Mayor

